



Partnership Times

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Heroin: The facts

Did you know that in 1874 Heroin was discovered in attempt to actually cure people from morphine addiction? That's right. Heroin wasn't always illegal. With the intention of being a safe, non-addictive substitute for Morphine, Heroin fell short of those expectations. Soon it was noted that Heroin produced addiction **exceptionally** quickly in many and was made illegal in 1920.



In 1924, The Heroin Act was passed, making the importation and possession of Heroin illegal in the United States. The negative connotation that comes with the word "Heroin" has been created because of its illegal stature. Yet here we are as a nation, dealing with **another** Heroin epidemic. So why is that? Well in 1984, new Opioid painkillers came onto the market. Doctors began prescribing these medications to their patients at an astounding rate. Between 1991 and 2013 the total number of prescribed Opioids went from 76 million prescriptions to a staggering 207 million. The problem began to be recognized and as a result, changes began to be made towards prescription drug tracking systems and the

laws behind prescribing Opioids. Well, these new laws then led to Opioids becoming less available to people who sought them which in turn led them to buying them off the streets. The problem with that though? The street value increased dramatically as they became harder and harder to get which means people couldn't afford their addiction anymore. That is until the first time they are offered Heroin, which is easier to access and much cheaper for them, all while giving them the same "high" they were searching for since Heroin is an Opiate.

These are the facts that people need to understand about this epidemic we are facing. Opioid addiction, like any addiction, does not discriminate. It is devastating so many families, from all different backgrounds and walks of life—mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, teachers, athletes, doctors, lawyers. It's time to start talking, reversing the stigma of addiction, and learning how to educate ourselves and those around us to prevent this from continuing to take so many lives of loved ones all around us. Interested in learning more about the opioid crisis? Contact us to host your own free training for your school, agency or organization.

-Kayleigh Murphy
CPCHC Project Coordinator

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The Partnership Times is a newsletter formed by the Community Partnership Coalition of Herkimer County (CPCHC). Our mission is aimed at substance abuse prevention with a focus on education, community awareness, trainings, information and to act as a resource within communities throughout Herkimer County.

CPCHC LINEUP**January 5th- 9 AM**

Monthly Coalition Meeting
@Catholic Charities,
61 West St. Ilion

February 2nd- 9 AM

Monthly Coalition Meeting
@Catholic Charities,
61 West St. Ilion

March 2nd- 9 AM

Monthly Coalition Meeting
@Catholic Charities,
61 West St. Ilion

For further information or questions on upcoming Partnership activities please see our contact info on back of newsletter



Shine a light:

Mohawk Valley Prevention & Recovery Collaborative

Catholic Charities of Herkimer County has been recently awarded \$100,000 from New York State Alcoholism & Substance Services (OASAS). This procurement will support the Regional Addiction Resource Center (RARC) comprised of the following counties that make up the Mohawk Valley Region; Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie. This Regional initiative known as the Mohawk Valley Prevention & Recovery Collaborative (MVPRC) is being Directed and Coordinated by Maureen Petrie & Brandi Clark of Catholic Charities of Herkimer County. The RARC is designed to help communities by facilitating partnerships and collaboration with a

primary focus on building community awareness about the dangers of substance use and helping those communities to resources that are currently available in a multi-county region.



Although a new initiative, Project Coordinator Brandi Clark has been part of the Coalition for over 3 years now and with this new collaboration, will continue to help support the mission of CPCHC.

MVPRC.COM

Look for MVPRC's billboard campaign!

Up-to-the-Minute

"The Herkimer Police Department works closely with the Community Partnership Coalition of Herkimer County, through Catholic Charities, in a joint effort to prevent and deter the abuse of narcotics and alcohol in our community. Through funding provided by the Coalition, we are able to randomly staff proactive patrols and details. We have conducted DWI Sobriety Checkpoints, Roving "Party Patrols" and Compliance Details. When Officers are assigned to Party Patrols, they conduct surveillance on locations known for underage drinking. They check residences, parks, cemeteries, etc. Officers purposely make their presence known in hopes of deterring the teens from consuming alcohol. Our goal is to prevent underage drinking entirely, however, if people (both teens and adults) know or even THINK we are out there, they may think twice or three times before even considering operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol. During a Compliance Detail, Officers have an underage male or female attempt to purchase alcohol in all of the retail establishments that sell alcohol in the Village, including licensed bars and restaurants. Our goal is

100% compliance. These details are unannounced and assigned randomly throughout the year." With staffing and budgetary constraints, we would not be able to conduct these details without the support from the coalition.

-A message from Chief Michael Jory

JUNE-NOVEMBER 2017

Party Patrols Conducted: 3

Incidents Reported: 4

Compliance Checks Conducted: 1

Incidents Reported: none (100% Compliant)

Feature Article: Herkimer County Youth Summit 2017

The 2017 Herkimer County Youth Summit was held this past October at the Herkimer BOCES facility. CPCHC successfully took over the coordination of the Youth Summit with continued support from Herkimer County, Herkimer BOCES and sponsorship by Catholic Charities of Herkimer County. Students from 12 schools-Herkimer, Frankfort-Schuyler, Town of Webb, Owen D. Young, Central Valley, West Canada Valley, Poland, Dolgeville, Mount Markham, Little Falls, VP-Tech and Pathways-all came together for a day filled with collaboration and discussion surrounding important topics they feel are common issue throughout their school communities. This year's summit was conducted differently than previous years in that students were able to choose from 3 different topics, those being-distracted driving, substance use and mental health awareness-and discuss the relevance within their school and what they can do to change these issues they are seeing. A common theme that was found from multiple schools was the focus on mental health. Students felt that there was a lack of understanding surrounding mental health when it came to their school communities. There were a number of great ideas that came from the discussion at the Summit, many of them focusing on assemblies or workshops that aim towards getting more people to talk about mental health concerns. Other simple ideas many students thought of were to put up positive

messages around their schools, or start a "paper bag project" that helps students get involved in spreading positive messages to one another anonymously. It is the Youth Summit's goal to get students on board with making a change and carrying out their action plans. It is important that the issues and concerns the students are seeing are talked about and a positive change can be made to make them feel as though their voice is being heard. CPCHC would like to thank all that were involved and is looking forward to many more successful Youth Summits in the future.



- Reality Check and the concern they have regarding
- Herkimer County the impact of tobacco. The
- Prevention Council group chose to make a "13"
- collaborated in joining a out of the pinwheels for the
- group of eighth grade Great American Smokeout
- students together at the held on November 16,
- Dolgeville Middle School. because the average age of
- They shared with their a new smoker in New York
- community and school the State is 13.

Keep Me POSTED

UPCOMING:

2018 Drug Quiz Show
 At Herkimer College
 March 8th 2018
 (Snow date March 15th 2018)

Recovery Coach Training
 January 8th-11th 2018
 for more information contact:
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 Prevention Education
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Our Mission

“The Community Partnership Coalition of Herkimer County, through collaboration and mobilization of community members, is dedicated to the prevention of alcohol and substance use, focused on youth and including adults in Herkimer County.”

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Rx Drop Box Locations

Dolgeville Police Department

41 North Main St. Dolgeville
24/7

Herkimer Police Department

120 Green st. Herkimer
24/7

Ilion Police Department

55 1st St. Ilion
24/7

Little Falls Police Department

659 East Main St. Little Falls
8:30AM-4PM

Frankfort Town Department

Town Hall 201 3rd Ave
Frankfort
9AM-4PM

Town of Webb Police Department

3139 NY-28 Old Forge
*please contact department
to schedule a time for drop off
@ 315 369-6515

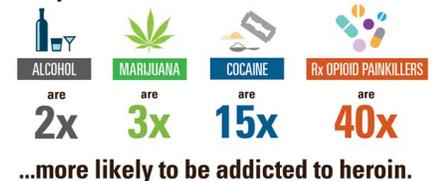
DID YOU KNOW?

Heroin use is part of a larger substance abuse problem.

Nearly all people who used heroin also used at least 1 other drug.

Most used at least **3** other drugs.

People who are addicted to...



Heroin is a highly addictive opioid drug with a high risk of overdose and death for users.

SOURCE: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2011-2013.

GET RID OF YOUR UNUSED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS!